

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1 1. A system to distribute electronic publications, comprising:
2 a portable electronic book adapted to receive and interface with a removable
3 storage device storing electronic photographs generated by a digital camera; and
4 an information services system including a centralized bookshelf and a
5 personal photo albums module associated with the portable electronic book, the centralized
6 bookshelf including electronic reading materials requested and owned by the portable
7 electronic book, the personal photo albums module including electronic photographs owned
8 by the portable electronic book.

1 2. The system of claim 1, wherein the portable electronic book extracts
2 the electronic photograph from the removable storage device and upload the electronic
3 photograph to the personal photo albums module.

1 3. The system of claim 1, wherein the removable storage device is a flash
2 memory card.

1 4. The system of claim 1, wherein the electronic photographs are JPEG
2 (Joint Photographic Experts Group) files.

1 5. The system of claim 1, wherein the personal photo albums module
2 includes a plurality of photo albums, and each of the plurality of photo albums is capable of
3 storing a plurality of electronic photographs.

1 6. The system of claim 1, wherein the portable electronic book displays
2 thumbnails to a user, each of the thumbnails represents one electronic photograph stored on
3 the removable storage device.

1 7. The system of claim 6, wherein the portable electronic book includes a
2 page turning mechanism to enable a user to scroll through different sets of thumbnails.

1 8. The system of claim 1, wherein the portable electronic book scales an
2 electronic photograph selected from the electronic photographs stored on the removable
3 storage device.

1 9. The system of claim 1, wherein the portable electronic book rotates an
2 electronic photograph selected from the electronic photographs stored on the removable
3 storage device.

1 10. The system of claim 1, wherein the portable electronic book
2 communicates with the information services system through an electrical communication
3 link.

1 11. The system of claim 10, wherein the electrical communication link is
2 established via a high-speed modem.

1 12. A method to distribute electronic publications, comprising:
2 inserting a removable storage device into a portable electronic book, the
3 removable storage device containing electronic photographs generated by a digital camera;
4 and
5 uploading the electronic photographs to an information services system, the
6 information services including a centralized bookshelf and a personal photo albums module
7 associated with the portable electronic book, the centralized bookshelf including electronic
8 reading materials requested and owned by the portable electronic book, the personal photo
9 albums module including electronic photographs owned by the portable electronic book.

1 13. The method of claim 12, further comprising retrieving the electronic
2 photographs from the removable storage device.

1 14. The method of claim 12, further comprising storing the electronic
2 photographs on the removable storage device as JPEG (Joint Photographic Experts Group)
3 files.

1 15. The method of claim 12, further comprising including a plurality of
2 photo albums in the personal photo albums module, wherein each of the plurality of photo
3 albums is capable of storing a plurality of electronic photographs.

1 16. The method of claim 12, further comprising displaying thumbnails on
2 a display screen of the portable electronic book, wherein each of the thumbnails represents
3 one electronic photograph stored on the removable storage device.

1 17. The system of claim 16, further comprising scrolling through different
2 sets of thumbnails using a page turning mechanism on the portable electronic book.

1 18. The system of claim 12, further comprising scaling an electronic
2 photograph selected from the electronic photographs stored on the removable storage device.

1 19. The system of claim 12, further comprising rotating an electronic
2 photograph selected from the electronic photographs stored on the removable storage device.

1 20. The system of claim 12, further comprising establishing an electrical
2 communication link to enable the portable electronic book to communicate with the
3 information services system.

1 21. The system of claim 20, further comprising using a high-speed modem
2 to testable the electrical communication link between the portable electronic book and the
3 information services system.